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ATTORNEY GENERAL MCGRAW AWARDS FUNDING TO MISSION, WEST VIRGINIA FROM THE PHARMA, INC. SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$25,000 to Mission, West Virginia for the operation of the Adelaide House. This money comes from the latest installment in the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. over the addictive qualities of the drug Oxycontin.

The Adelaide House is a transitional home for men in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction. It is a safe haven where men may begin to rebuild their lives and return to mainstream society. The residents of the Adelaide House are men who have been paroled from the West Virginia correctional system and need temporary housing. The residents of the Adelaide House will also go through the Lee Day Report Center for treatment, education and job preparation.

Day report centers are alternative sentencing programs for low risk substance abusers. Day report centers have been successfully used to save taxpayer dollars and to effectively treat substance abusers. The Lee Day Report Center recently received \$100,000 in funding from the proceeds of the Oxycontin settlement.

"Projects such as the Adelaide House and the Lee Day Report Center give offenders, who the courts consider to be low risk to the community, the opportunity to repair themselves and to rebuild their lives." McGraw stated. "Rehabilitation not only gives the offender a new start, but benefits society and taxpayers by reducing recidivism."

Purdue Pharma agreed to pay West Virginia \$10 million over four years and the awards came from the second installment of \$2.5 million.

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